



## NOAA Restoration Center

### Wildcat Creek Restoration

#### Project Description

The goal of this project is to directly involve students in restoring native plant habitats located in their local watershed. A one-mile stretch of Wildcat Creek will be planted with native riparian vegetation to enhance anadromous fish habitat.

**Project Nickname** Wildcat Creek (EPA-02)  
**Location** Richmond, Contra Costa County, CA, 94612 SWR  
**Program** Community-based Restoration **Congressional District** CA 9  
**Lat, Long Coordinates** -122.3626, 37.961 **Land Ownership** Public  
**Implementation Start Date** **Implementation End Date**  
**River Basin** HUC  
**Geographic Identifier** USGS Topo Quad  
**Project Status** Implementation Stage **Project Type** Restoration  
**Project Status Description** The plant propagation portion of this project has already begun, and planting in the project area is expected to occur in winter of 2004 (Conversation with Steve Cochrane, 12/08/03).

#### Landmark

#### Number of Volunteers

#### Volunteer Hours

#### Volunteer Description

#### Proposed Project?

#### Project Closed?

#### FY Completed

#### Habitat Information

Type	Acres Created	Acres Re-established	Acres Rehabilitated	Acres Enhanced	Acres Protected	Stream Miles	# Plants/ Animals
riparian zone		1					

#### Species Information

Commonname	Genus	Species	Population Name	NMFS Status	Species Type
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#### Partners

East Bay Regional Park District
City of Richmond
City of San Pablo
WCCC Integrated Waste Management Authority

#### Restoration Techniques

riparian planting
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#### NOAA Involvement

source of funding
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#### Monitoring Information

Characteristic

Additional Info

Type

***Funding Information***

<b>Funding Mechanism</b>	<b>FY Awarded</b>	<b>NOAA Contribution</b>	<b>Partnership Contribution</b>	<b>Total Partnership Contribution</b>
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - Five Star	2002	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
<b>TOTALS</b>		\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000

**Other Non-Federal \$**  **Other Federal \$**  **Total Project Cost**

**Funding Recipient** Friends of the Estuary

***Funding Comments******Project Abstract***

The NOAA Community-based Restoration Program partnered with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) 5-Star Program to fund the Wildcat Creek Restoration Project. The project will involve propagating and then planting native riparian tree and understory species to improve habitat quality. The plant propagation portion of this project has already begun, and planting in the project area is expected to occur in winter of 2004. This project will be implemented by Hands on Native Plants (HON), a student-run operation whose aim is to restore native plant habitats located in the watershed of Richmond, San Pablo and Oakland.

The Wildcat Creek Restoration Project will rehabilitate approximately 3.5 acres along a one mile reach of Wildcat Creek in North Richmond, California. This reach of the creek, which supports a run of threatened Steelhead trout, is currently devoid of riparian vegetation on one side. Monitoring and maintenance of the site will continue by a student volunteers and the Contra Costa Flood Control District. Other partners included the East Bay Regional park District, City of Richmond, Richmond High School, the City of San Pablo, and the West Contra Coast Integrated Waste Management Authority.